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MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Senator Jesse Laslovich, on March 16, 2009 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Esp, Chairman (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 230, 2/23/2009; HB 522, 3/2/2009

Executive Action: HB 230 ~ DO CONCUR

HEARING ON HB 230

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:28 Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 230, Revise local government employee incentive program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:56 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:07:51 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
00:10:08 Bob Worthington, Montana Municipal Insurance Authority (MMIA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:15 Sen. Barkus
00:11:44 Sheryl Wood, MACo

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:30 Rep. McClafferty

HEARING ON HB 522

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:04 Rep. Michele Reinhart (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 522, Revise subdivision exemptions.

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[EXHIBIT\(los58a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:01 Tammy McGill, Legislative Services Division, LSD
00:26:19 Sheryl Wood, MACo also speaking for Myra Shults, Land Use Planning Attorney

Opponents' Testimony:

00:26:48 Mike Pichette, representing NorthWestern Energy
00:28:38 Don Allen, representing Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)

Informational Testimony:

00:32:09 Tim Reardon, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of
Transportation (DOT)
00:34:45 Steve Kilbreath, Department of Environmental Quality
(DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:42 Sen. Gillan
00:36:03 Tammy McGill, LSD
00:38:16 Sen. Gillan
00:38:34 Sen. Erickson
00:39:26 Tammy McGill
00:42:23 Sen. Erickson
00:42:47 Don Allen, WETA
00:43:46 Sen. Esp
00:44:13 Tammy McGill
00:46:52 Sen. Essmann
00:48:14 Rep. Michele Reinhart
00:51:17 Sen. Esp
00:52:53 Tammy McGill
00:54:27 Sen. Tutvedt
00:55:13 Tammy McGill

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:46 Sen. Reinhart
00:59:08 Chairman Esp assumed Chairman position.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 230

01:00:34 **Motion:** Sen. Gallus moved that **HB 230 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:00:44 Sen. Tutvedt
01:01:00 Chairman Esp
01:01:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen.
Gallus will carry HB 230.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:10 P.M.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([los58aad.pdf](#))